



Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots.
Lancaster.

Under the Patronage of Her Majesty the Queen.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR THE

EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF IDIOTS & IMBECILES,

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE,
CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND, CUMBERLAND,
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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT LANCASTER.

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The General Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held at the Asylum, Lancaster, on Wednesday, September 14th, 1870,

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G.,

IN THE CHAIR.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer by THE VEN. THE ARCHDEACON OF NORTHUMBERLAND, the Noble Chairman addressed the meeting, after which the Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, read the Reports of the Central Committee and the Auditors, and the Rev. S. Earnshaw, M.A., Sheffield, read the Balance Sheet.

The following Resolutions were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented ; and rejoices at the earnest and liberal support which the Central Committee have received from all parts of the Northern Counties, and from all classes, in the prosecution of their benevolent undertaking.

Moved by Dr. E. Denis de Vitre ; seconded by the Lord Bishop of Manchester ; supported by J. T. Hibbert, Esq., M.P.

- 2.—That, in compliance with Rule 25, the following Gentlemen (who are Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster) be re-appointed Members of the Central Committee :—

Dr. E. DENIS DE VITRE.

B. P. GREGSON, Esq.

Rev. C. TWEMLOW ROYDS.

Rev. DAVID DAVIS.

JAMES S. HARRISON, Esq.

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JAMES GRANT, Esq.

WILLIAM ROPER, Esq.

CAPTAIN THORNHILL.

Moved by Sir J. P. Kay-Shuttleworth, Bart. ; seconded by M. W. Thompson, Esq., Bradford.

- 3.—That the cordial thanks of the Subscribers be given to the Honorary Auditors for the past year (Messrs. Rees, White, and Co., Public Accountants, Manchester, William Satterthwaite, Esq., Lancaster, and Edward B. Dawson, Esq., Lancaster,) for their efficient investigation of the Accounts of the Asylum ; and this Meeting, in accordance with Rule 34, hereby appoints Messrs. Rees, White, and Co., and Edward B. Dawson, Esq., together with William Roper, Esq., Mayor of Lancaster, to act as Honorary Auditors for the ensuing year.

Moved by the Mayor of Halifax, (H. C. McCrea, Esq.) ; seconded by Captain Monks, Durham.

- 4.—That, in consideration of the liberal gift of £2,000 presented by Mr. James Brunton as the original subscription to the Institution, without reservation or stipulation on his part, the Subscribers have pleasure in hereby placing at Mr. Brunton's disposal a Life Presentation to the Asylum, in recognition of their appreciation of his generosity.

Moved by Dr. E. Denis de Vitre ; seconded by J. A. Bremner, Esq., Manchester.

- 5.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of the friends and supporters of this Institution be held at Bradford, on Wednesday, September 27th, 1871, and that notice thereof be given in the Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, York, Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle, Carlisle, and Durham newspapers.

Moved by the Archdeacon of Northumberland, (Ven. Geo. Bland) ; seconded by the Mayor of Barrow, (James Ramsden, Esq.)

- 6.—That this Meeting gratefully acknowledges the cordial interest in the Royal Albert Asylum manifested in many ways by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K.G., and respectfully tenders its best thanks to His Grace for presiding on this occasion.

Moved by J. P. C. Starkie, Esq., M.P. ; seconded by Samuel Rigby, Esq., Warrington.

R E P O R T

*Presented to the Subscribers at the General Annual Meeting, held at
Lancaster, September 14th, 1870,*

GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE, K.G., IN THE CHAIR.

The Central Committee, in submitting their report for the past year, consider it incumbent upon them to explain why the present meeting is not held at Bradford, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the last annual meeting at Durham. It was at one time thought desirable to have a public opening of the Asylum this autumn, with the ordinary demonstrations on such occasions; but subsequent circumstances led to a reconsideration of the question, and it was determined to abandon the intention of a public and formal inauguration of the Asylum until the completion of the whole building. It became expedient, therefore, to hold the Annual Meeting for this year at the Asylum, and thus afford the subscribers and friends of the Charity an opportunity, not only of a thorough inspection of the building, but of obtaining, previously to the admission of patients, detailed information as to its general arrangements.

The Central Committee have during the past year assiduously promoted the interests of the Asylum as heretofore, by holding public meetings, disseminating information, and organising local committees. Two public meetings have been held in Carlisle, one under the Presidency of the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, and the other with the Mayor in the Chair. The Mayor of Preston presided at a public meeting in that town; and the Rev. Richard Brooke undertook

a similar duty at Selby. These meetings were all most successful and encouraging in their results. Preparations are in progress for a County Meeting at Chester, which, Lord Egerton of Tatton, as Lord Lieutenant, has most kindly promised to convene. That meeting will be followed by a systematic canvass of the county.

The labours of the Committee in this important part of their work have been somewhat impeded by the urgent necessity for organizing the Institution, in drawing up rules and regulations for the admission of patients, superintending the furnishing, and completing all the domestic arrangements.

It is proposed to admit fifty patients on the free list at the first Election, the particulars of which will be fully advertised as soon as its details can be perfected. The number of vacancies allotted to each County will be as follows :—

Lancashire	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Yorkshire	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Durham...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Westmorland...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cumberland.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cheshire...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Northumberland.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

The principle of appropriating vacancies to each county according to the amount subscribed is thus recognised, although in this, the first election, the counties with the small numbers obtain rather more in proportion to their subscriptions than they are entitled to; but the Committee have taken into consideration the fact that there has not been an opportunity of sufficiently appealing to important sections of the counties in question. Should any material disparity arise as further progress is made, it will admit of ready rectification at a future time. The amounts contributed to the Building Fund by the Seven Associated Counties, are—Lancashire, £31,824 4s. 5d.; Yorkshire, £15,731 5s. 11d.; Westmorland, £2,306 1s. 4d.; Durham, £1,915 1s. 11d.; Cheshire, £982 9s. 6d.; Cumberland, £975 1s. 6d.; Northumberland, £703 14s. 8d.; Total, £54,437 19s. 3d.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge their obligations to those clergymen and ministers who have kindly advocated the cause of the Idiot and Imbecile from their pulpits during the year. Irrespectively of the pecuniary contributions obtained, a most essential service is thus rendered to the Asylum by spreading abroad, especially in country districts, sound information on the existing and urgent necessity for such an Institution. The Committee earnestly invite further co-operation in this direction. Thanks are due to the

Rev. A. R. Ashwell, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.

Rev. E. Dothie, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.

Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.

Rev. Canon Hornby, St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.

Rev. J. T. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.

Rev. F. E. Perrin, Whitewell Church, Clitheroe.

Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.

Rev. Canon Robinson, Bolton Abbey Church, Skipton.

Rev. A. D. Shafto, Brancepeth Church, Durham.

Rev. W. Shilleto, Goosnargh Church, Preston.

Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.

It is encouraging to report the growing interest taken in the charity by the working classes. The work-people in the employ of Mr. Joseph Rawlinson, Dalton-in-Furness, have subscribed £10 10s.; many of the clubs and associations formerly alluded to continue their exertions by adding to their former gifts; concerts, lectures, and penny readings take an important place in the good work; and "A Working Man" from Settle has sent a second contribution of £5 anonymously.

Mr. Edward Pease, Darlington, has kindly presented the Committee with £20 worth of choice roses and hardy perennials for the Asylum grounds, and the Committee are not without hope that this praiseworthy example may be followed by others. Great are the wants of such an Institution, and gifts in kind are always acceptable, and many benevolent persons might prefer to contribute in this way rather than subscribe an equivalent in money. All such contributions given in lieu of a money payment would entitle the donor to all the privileges of voting according to value.

In view of the proposed public inauguration of the Asylum, the Committee would earnestly plead for a renewal of that generous co-operation of the ladies, which was so eminently beneficial to the Institution in connection with the Foundation Stone ceremony. Many ladies have already requested the Secretary to return their Collecting Purses, and will, no doubt, again prosecute their benevolent work with irresistible persuasiveness and the most gratifying success.

The Committee deemed it necessary to appoint a Medical Superintendent and a Matron, previously to the opening of the Asylum. Dr. Shuttleworth, late assistant Medical Officer at the Earlswood Asylum, was selected from a number of most eligible candidates. His testimonials from Earlswood were of a very high character. He is now in residence. Miss Bryan was also appointed Matron. She had been sub-matron at Earlswood for nine years, and was highly recommended. The appointment to the two chief offices of persons of considerable practical experience in the treatment and management of the Idiot and Imbecile, affords an assurance to the Committee that their special qualifications will be of great value in this Asylum.

The Committee refer with great pleasure to the audited accounts as the best evidence of material support, but much exertion in obtaining further subscriptions is still requisite, as heavy expenses, not in the original estimate, are being incurred in furnishing, in kitchen and wash-house fittings, in gas and water supplies, in sewerage, and in laying out the gardens and grounds. In a short time the Committee must take into consideration the erection of farm buildings for the estate. As the patients increase, the necessity for Annual Subscriptions will become more and more urgent.

The Legacies during the year have been £500 from Mrs. Burton, Roundhay, Leeds, and £2,000 from Mr. Abbott, Halifax, which according to rule, must be invested for the benefit of the Sustentation Fund.

Thanks are pre-eminently due to all the local Committees, as well as to the Solicitors and other honorary officers, for their valuable services.

The Committee again gladly acknowledge the cordial assistance

which has been rendered to the Institution by the press in the Northern Counties generally.

With every feeling of devout gratitude for the great success which a gracious Providence has hitherto granted to their efforts to make provision for the relief of a heavy affliction, the Committee look with confidence to the future for the support which may be needed for the completion of their undertaking.

EDWARD DENIS DE VITRÉ,
CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE,

AUDITORS' REPORT.

26, KING STREET, MANCHESTER,
6TH SEPTEMBER, 1870.

We have completed the audit of the accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum to the 31st July last, and have the pleasure of reporting to the Subscribers its satisfactory character. The Securities and Vouchers were produced for our inspection, and the Books of Account appear to have been well kept.

The amount of Annual Subscriptions received up to that date was £1,046 4s. 0d. This sum will, upon the opening of the Institution for the reception of patients, have to be transferred from the General Account, where it now appears, to an account for the maintenance of the inmates.

We again call the attention of the Subscribers to the satisfactory manner in which the donations have been collected. Out of a total of £54,437 19s. 3d. which has been promised, only £837 remains unpaid.

REES, WHITE & Co., Public Accountants,
HONORARY AUDITORS.

EXPENDITURE

July 31st, 1870.

ACCOUNT.

Expenditure.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of Public Meetings at Ulverston, Carlisle, Preston, Selby, Annual Meeting at Durham, and of Local Committees		82	14	10			
„ Printing and Stationery, including 5,000 Reports		191	2	5			
„ Publications		49	3	8			
„ General Advertising		19	15	11			
„ Postage of Reports, Circulars, Letters, &c.		77	5	0			
„ OFFICE EXPENSES:—							
Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses		521	18	0			
Rent, Rates, Fuel, and Gas		23	3	4			
Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries		16	5	8			
„ Asylum Salaries		153	7	10			
„ Farm Expenses.. .. .		87	13	0			
„ General Sundries		21	17	6			
„ Laying out Grounds and Garden Expenses		454	18	6			
					1,699	5	8
„ Furniture		67	19	8			
					67	19	8
„ BUILDING ACCOUNT:—							
Masonry		6,260	0	0			
Woodwork		3,800	0	0			
Ironwork		350	0	0			
Slating, &c... .. .		958	1	11			
Plastering		820	0	0			
Plumbing and Glazing		1,000	0	0			
Heating Apparatus		300	0	0			
Gas Pipes and Fittings		272	4	10			
Water Pipes, &c		448	0	0			
Chimney Pieces.. .. .		160	0	0			
Clerk of the Works		158	0	0			
Insurance of Building		6	11	3			
Sundries		42	15	0			
					14,575	13	0
„ INVESTMENTS:—							
£6,000 Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Stock Interest at 5 per cent.		6,250	4	2			
£5,000 Scinde Delhi Railway Stock		5,125	8	9			
£1,910 Madras Railway Stock		1,983	7	6			
£500 East Indian Railway Debenture Bond		500	0	0			
£500 North Eastern Railway Preference Stock		500	0	0			
Freehold Property on Mortgage		600	0	0			
					14,959	0	5
					£31,301	18	9

SUSTENTATION

Dr.

															£	s.	d.
TO BALANCE	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,581	10	0
„ LEGACY :—																	
Dr. Waddington, Dean of Durham	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,000	0	0
„ Life Subscriptions	50	0	0
„ Donations	49	18	0

£12,681 8 0

Summary of Accounts from the Commencement,

Dr.

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£74,697 14 0

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—6th of September, 1870.

REES, WHITE, & Co., Public Accountants, Manchester,
WILLIAM SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster,
EDWARD B. DAWSON, Lancaster, } HONORARY AUDITORS.

FUND ACCOUNT.

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By INVESTMENTS :—

	£	s.	d.
£4,090 Madras Railway Stock ; Interest at 5 per cent.	4,356	10	0
£3,225 Lancaster Canal Shares, 86 shares at 37½ ; Interest 4½ per cent.	3,225	0	0
£200 Preference. { South Eastern Railway Stock ; Interest at 4½ } £800 Fixed. { per cent. }	914	10	6
£1,200 (Cockermouth and Workington) London and North Western } Railway Preference Stock ; Interest at 10 per cent. . . }	2,703	2	6
£1,200 Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company ; } Interest at 5 per cent. }	1,237	8	0
Balance at Lancaster Bank	244	17	0
	<u>£12,681</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

December 21st, 1864, to July 31st, 1870.

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By Building	30,331	4	3
„ Land.	9,979	12	1
„ Railway Stock	14,359	0	5
„ Freehold Property on Mortgage.	600	0	0
	<u>55,269</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>
„ Sustentation Fund Investments	12,436	11	0
„ „ „ Bank Balance	244	17	0
„ Expenses as per General Account	6,746	9	3
	<u>£74,697</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>0</u>

Total amount received to July 31st, 1870	74,632	16	3
Donations unpaid at the same date	837	0	0
Legacies „ „ „	2,500	0	0
	<u>£77,969</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE TREASURER, for the time being, of THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES, situate at Lancaster, the sum of _____ to be applied to the purposes of that Institution; such Legacy to be paid, in precedence of the other pecuniary Legacies hereby bequeathed, out of such part of my personal Estate, not specifically bequeathed, as the law permits to be appropriated by Will to charitable purposes.

LEGACIES.

	£	s.	d.
John Bairstow, Esq., Preston	5000	0	0
The Very Rev. Geo. Waddington, D.D., Dean of Durham ..	5000	0	0
John Abbott, Esq., Halifax	2000	0	0
Miss Tatham, Lancaster	1000	0	0
Miss Irlam, Liverpool	500	0	0
Mrs. Burton, Roundhay, Leeds	500	0	0
Thomas Dewhurst, Esq., Lancaster	45	0	0
David Moore, Esq., Lancaster	25	0	0
John Jacobson, Esq., Lancaster	19	19	0
Thomas Woods, Esq., Lancaster	19	19	0
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	£14,109	18	0
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LIST

OF

CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.

- Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Bishop of Hereford), Vicar. (Two sermons.)
- Rev. A. R. Ashwell, (Training College, Durham), at Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses; Rev. A. M. Norman, Incumbent.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. S. Chapman, Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke, (Southport), at St. Thomas's, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar. (Two sermons.)
- Rev. E. Dothie, High Street Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Fleming, (London), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster; Rev. E. Dothie, Minister. (Two sermons.)
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, (Halifax), at St. Mary's Church, Sowerby; Rev. W. E. Chapman, Vicar.
- Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
- Rev. Thompson Hesk, Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
- Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
- Rev. Canon Hornby, St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
- Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at Christ Church, Lancaster. (Two sermons.)
- Rev. E. F. Manby, Morecambe Church.
- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
- Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.
- Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
- Rev. John Owen, Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. F. E. Perrin, Whitewell Church, Clitheroe.
- Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
- Rev. Richard Ray, Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. J. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.
- Rev. C. T. Royds, Heysham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. A. D. Shafto, Brancepeth Church, Durham.
- Rev. H. Hassard Short, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
- Rev. W. Shilleto, Goosnargh Church, Preston.
- Rev. J. Simpson, (Kirkby Stephen), at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale; Rev. H. Ware, Vicar.
- Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
- Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
- Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.

For every Donation of Five Guineas, Subscribers will be entitled to a Life Vote at the election of patients for their respective Counties, and to an Annual Vote for every Annual Subscription of Half-a-Guinea.

Collecting Purses may be had on application to the Secretary. Every Five Guineas obtained will entitle the Collector to a Life Vote.

ALL THE BANKS IN THE NORTHERN COUNTIES RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS.